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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.323

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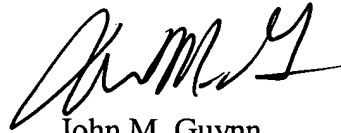
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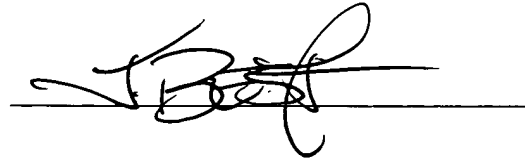


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Column 5,

Line 59, after "within a bone" remove [to]

Column 6,

Lines 34-35, after "distal tip," change "particular" to --particularly--

Line 54, after "discontinuous threads" insert --)--

Column 7,

Line 43, after "angle less" insert --than--

Column 13,

Line 29, before "diameter" change "avenge" to --average--

Column 14,

Line 7, change "that)" to --that,--

Column 15,

Line 1, after "bone tunnel" insert --,--

Line 3, after "the proximal" change "thread" to --threaded--

Line 4, after "the distal" change "thread" to --threaded--

Line 5, before "distal threaded" insert --the--

Line 6, before "proximal threaded" insert --the--

Line 6, after "threaded section" insert --,--

Column 16,

Line 35, before "appropriate" change "art" to --an--

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